



Environment and economy: Current themes for a geographer¹

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Abstract

The contribution aims to emphasize the need to preserve, protect, manage and develop the “World heritage”, a complex systemic reality in which its animated and inanimate components, too often due to excesses and disharmony, interact with harmful methods for themselves and for the whole system. In addition to an introductory part, aimed at summarizing and motivating the aims of the search for a “useful eco-geography”, basic indications are provided on how geography has evolved and on how the human population is problematically articulated, analyzing the reports “in giving and having” of man with living organisms and with physical reality; reports that often disrupt ecosystems, highlighting the need for sustainable development. Furthermore, the topic of environmental protection is addressed, as an opportune conclusion of a work that provides useful considerations on environmental transformations and resource depletion.

Keywords: environment, economy, geographer, resource consumption, environmental risk.

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Riassunto

Il contributo vuole porre l'accento sulle necessità di conservare, tutelare, gestire e sviluppare il “patrimonio Mondo”, una complessa realtà sistemica

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nella quale le sue componenti animate e inanimate, ormai troppo spesso a causa di eccessi e disarmonie, interagiscono con modalità dannose per se stesse e per l'intero sistema. Oltre ad una parte introduttiva, volta a sintetizzare e motivare le finalità della ricerca di una "eco-geografia utile", vengono fornite indicazioni di base su come la geografia si è andata evolvendo e su come si articola problematicamente la popolazione umana, analizzando i rapporti "in dare e avere" dell'uomo con gli organismi viventi e con la realtà fisica; rapporti che sovente turbano gli ecosistemi evidenziando la necessità di uno sviluppo sostenibile. Inoltre, si affronta il tema della tutela ambientale, come opportuna conclusione di un lavoro che fornisca utili considerazioni sulle trasformazioni dell'ambiente e l'esaurimento delle risorse.

Parole chiave: ambiente, economia, geografi, consumo di risorse, rischio ambientale.



Recognizing the Relationship between Human Rights and the Environment

The relationship between human rights and the environment is examined herein first at the international level, where there has been progressive recognition of the relationship, then at the regional level and finally through national legislation.

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